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SUBJECT: SYG WALDHEIM'S STOPOVER IN ATHENS AUGUST 27:

ANA WRAP-UP

1. ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (GOG OFFICIAL NEWS SERVICE) BULLETIN AUGUST 28, IN REPORTING WALDHEIM'S RETURN VISIT TO ATHENS AUGUST 27, NOTED THAT SENIOR GOG OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED TALKS WITH WALDHEIM IN ATHENS SAID GREEK GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED TO GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OF CYPRUS INTO TWO FEDERATED STATES BECAUSE "SUCH DIVISION IS IMPRACTICAL, EXPENSIVE AND INHUMAN." GREEK OFFICIAL SAID TURKISH CYPRIOTS WHO CONSTITUTE 18 PER CENT OF TOTAL POPULATION OF CYPRUS WERE MINORITY NO MATTER HOW TURKS CARVED UP CYPRUS. "UNLESS THEY FORCE AN EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS, TURKS WILL END UP WITH TWO FEDERATED STATES BOTH WITH GREEK MAJORITY. AN EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS TO GIVE THEM A MAJORITY IN ONE AREA WOULD COST ABOUT \$2 BILLION DOLLARS. WHO IS GOING TO FOOT SUCH A BILL." GREEK OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT DR. WALDHEIM UNDERSTOOD THIS.

2. WALDHEIM TOLD NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR

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LONDON THAT SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS EXIST BETWEEN

GREECE AND TURKEY AND THAT HE IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO
BRIDGE GAP. WALDHEIM DESCRIBED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH
PM CARAMANLIS AND FM MAVROS AS "USEFUL." HE STRESSED THAT
HE FOUND A SINCERE DESIRE IN ATHENS AND ELSEWHERE FOR
SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS ISSUE. WALDHEIM EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD
DISCUSSED FUTURE OF ISLAND WITH TURKISH LEADERS IN ANKARA
WHO ASSURED HIM "TURKEY FAVORED AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN
CYPRUS WITH TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION."
WALHDEIM CONCLUDED TWO THINGS ARE NECESSARY NOW--THAT NEGOTIATIONS
CONTINUE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND ALSO THAT PEACE PREVAILS
IN CYPRUS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS

3. EMBASSY FOLLOWING UP WITH MFA.
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